



Department of Commerce Strategic Acquisition Planning Alternatives Update

Acquisition Council
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Next Steps

(as of July 20, 2005)

1. Gathering "Policy" interview data – August 2005
 2. Hold DoC-wide Acquisition Planning Focus Group (1102's, Finance, CIO, Acquisition Management, Budget) sessions –August 2005
 3. Compile Interview and Focus Group data – August/September 2005
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4. Prepare the business case for proposed acquisition planning system
 5. Make recommendation to the Acquisition Council
 6. Acquisition Council make decision on the enterprise-wide acquisition planning system



Current Items

- Reviewing DRAFT Policy for DAO and CAM Chapter update
- Preparing to meet and facilitate conversations with Program/Project managers to solicit more “benefits” feedback
- Received A LOT more feedback than originally intended – need additional time to explore ENTERPRISE-wide goals & objectives



Focus Group Comments

- PM representatives made it very apparent that they want to assist with planning and see the benefits -
 - however, the system needs to provide THEM with benefits as well
- Enter data once; re-use it many times
- System should provide a “triage” approach for acquisition methods
- Operational budgets are not tied to planning